Per worker production of coal

1902. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that per worker production of coal is the lowest in India in comparison to other countries;

(b) if so, what is the per worker production of coal in the country and what is the per worker expenditure per day;

(c) what are the details regarding the per worker production and expenditure per day in China and other European countries; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to increase per worker production in the coal industry?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Output of coal per worker is lower in India as compared to other major coal producing countries in the world. The figure of output per man shift (OMS) for 1985-86 for India is as follows:—

(figures in tonnes)

Company	Underground	Opencast	Overall
Coal India Ltd. . .	0·53	2·20	0·91
Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd.	0·70	5·4	0·82

In 1985-86 the average worker earning per man shift in India was about Rs. 98.

(c) The information about the per-worker coal production and daily income for China and other European countries is given below:

Country	*Output per manshift	Rs. Earning per manshift in Rs. (Approx)
China	2·01	24·18
U.K.	2·08	592.00
F.R.G.	3·11	735.00
France	1.94	670.00

*These countries produce mostly underground

(d) Various measures being adopted to increase production and productivity in coal companies include investment in new mines, fuller utilisation of mining capacity already created, more efficient use and better maintenance of equipment, stricter control of inventory and economy in the use of stores, better use of man power by controlling absenteeism and enforcing discipline and identification of surplus workers and their redeployment after suitable training, better availability of scarce inputs like explosives, timber etc. expeditious and timely completion of new projects and improvement in law and order situation.